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In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit this Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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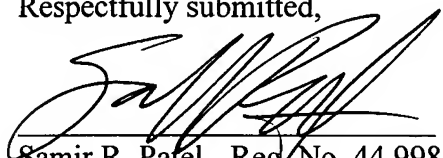
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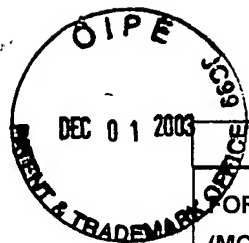
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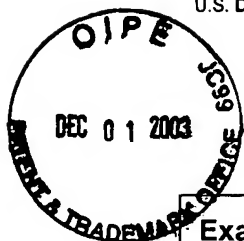
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